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Approval of the minutes of May 1, 2014

Report of the Executive Committee

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2. Presentation of committee charges for AY2014-15
3. Update on faculty training on power-based personal violence
4. Motion from Senator Wooders (amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution)

Good of the Senate

Adjournment to reception


Voting Members absent: Anderson, Adam; Blume; Cannon (regrets); Delpire (regrets); Enterline; Fogo (regrets); Fountain (regrets); Guelcher; Hemingway (regrets); O’Hara O’Connor (regrets); Price (regrets); Rohde; Webb (regrets); Wittig; Wright (regrets); and Wright-Rios.

Ex Officio Members present: Anderson, Audrey; Brady; Combs; Fortune; Hall, A; Johnston; Kopstain; Lutz; Raiford; Sweet; Wcislo; Wente; Zeppos.

Ex Officio Members absent: Bandas (regrets); Bernard (regrets); Cyrus (regrets); McNamara (regrets); Miller (regrets); Stalcup; Williams.
Call to order

Chair Paul Lim called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

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Chair Lim asked for any changes to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Report of the Executive Committee

Chair Lim gave an overview of the issues that the Executive Committee has discussed recently:
1. Strategic Planning and its implementation
2. Faculty Training on Power-Based Personal Violence
3. Concur—streamlining process of travel and reimbursement
4. International office closing and its aftermath
5. Donald Brady to serve as parliamentarian for this year: Chair Lim asked for the Senate’s approval of Donald Brady to serve as parliamentarian for this year. There was no objection to this nomination, and it was approved.
6. Compliance issues
7. Benefits committee (changes to 403b)

Remarks by the Chancellor

Chancellor Zeppos gave his remarks. He discussed: the strategic planning process, where the university will be investing and what ideas they will be investing in, and the healthcare environment.

New Business

1. Introduction of new senators: Chair Lim asked all new senators to stand up and he thanked them for their service. He also introduced the members of the Executive Committee, committee and task force chairs, and new administrators.
2. Presentation of committee charges for AY2014-15: Chair Lim presented some of the committee charges. Chancellor Zeppos mentioned the regulatory burden survey that will be sent to faculty members. Chair Lim mentioned that the Senate’s SPAF (Strategic Planning and Academic Freedom) committee has already met with the consulting group about this survey.
3. Update on faculty training on power-based personal violence: Chair Lim said that the Senate has been working tirelessly to respond to this issue with care, commitment, and campus-wide cooperation. We are nearly at the point of rolling out a university-wide faculty training very soon. It will happen on both sides of the university. It will include detecting signs of students not doing well, and help to teach faculty the warning signs and give them resources to help their students.
Chancellor Zeppos said that we can really be leaders in every issue, including this one. It shows a level of faculty interest and engagement at our institution.

a. Faculty Senator: This has to be a broadly coordinated activity. Some students will fire back that any activities that infringe on their rights are wrong. Chair Lim replied that the students recognize that binge drinking is a problem, so this is important that they recognize it, too. Chancellor Zeppos said that our investment in the students’ well-being is key.

b. Faculty Senator: Will training be mandatory? Will it address sexual violence?

c. Vice Chancellor Audrey Anderson: It will be online and in person. We will track numbers of faculty who participate. We are required by law to offer it to all faculty members. We will have a compliance review from federal government about this issue. We will have people available to come to any departmental meeting as well. It will be focused on sexual violence. The presentation will be approximately 25 minutes and 25 minutes of Q&A.

d. Chair Lim: Our initial thought was to get the senators trained and then get their departments trained.

e. Faculty Senator: We need to improve capacity and clarity around these issues and how they affect students. Faculty members are first responders. We are the ones who can act promptly.

f. Faculty Senator: What about how to train graduate students and TAs? Chair Lim said we are still thinking about this and how to do it. Provost Wente said that PETSA training is required for all graduate students. It is more about them as students, but not first responders. Vice Chancellor Anderson said that we are working on this, but there are legal definitions that we have to work with. We are trying to decide next best steps.

g. Faculty Senator: Is the module suitable for professional schools as well? Chair Lim said yes.

h. Faculty Senator: When are the compliance people coming to campus? Vice Chancellor Anderson replied that she wasn’t sure, but it will probably be by the end of the fall semester.

i. Faculty Senator: There are Title IX issues to consider. You have to disclose if you are a faculty member if a student tells you something about sexual assault. We need careful guidance about this. Vice Chancellor Anderson said that this training will help with these issues. Also, it’s not just about students, but also staff members and others in our community.

4. Motion from Senator Wooders (amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution): Chair Lim recognized Senator Wooders who presented her motion:

“Whereas the Constitution of the Faculty Senate refers to Chapter IV, Section 4a, of the Code of By Laws of Vanderbilt University and
Whereas the current version of the Code of By-Laws of Vanderbilt University does not contain a Chapter IV,
We resolve that the Faculty Senate review and revise the Faculty Senate Constitution as needed and bring the amended version of the Constitution to the Faculty Assembly for approval.”
The motion was seconded. Chair Lim opened the floor for discussion. There was none. The motion was adopted by a show of hands.

**Good of the Senate**

Past Senate Chair Donald Brady brought up that changes are coming to the university’s 403b plans, and more information will be forthcoming. Chair Lim reminded everyone to sign in and leave their name tents before leaving.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.